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Humanitarian assistance, emergency relief, rehabilitation, recovery and reconstruction in response to the humanitarian emergency in Haiti, including the devastating effects of the earthquake

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its resolution 46/182 of 19 December 1991 and the guiding principles contained in the annex thereto, other relevant General Assembly and Economic and Social Council resolutions and agreed conclusions of the Council,

Recalling its resolution 64/250 of 22 January 2010,

Taking note with appreciation of the informal meetings on Haiti convened by the President of the General Assembly since January,

Conscious of the huge loss of human life and the large number of people wounded and people affected by the severe impacts of the disaster on, inter alia, food security and the education, shelter and health sectors, as well as of the continued needs arising from the vulnerability of the affected populations,

Conscious also of the huge material losses sustained in respect of homes, schools, hospitals, Government facilities and basic infrastructures in the capital, Port-au-Prince, and elsewhere in the country, and expressing concern over the medium- and long-term social, economic and development impacts of the disaster on the affected country,

Concerned about the vulnerable situation in Haiti of the internally displaced persons, in particular women, children, the elderly and persons with disabilities, and

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conscious of the need to find a durable and sustainable solution to their situation, by supporting efforts of the Government of Haiti to establish conditions, as well as provide the necessary means, which allow internally displaced persons to return voluntarily, in safety and with dignity, to their homes or places of habitual residence, or to resettle voluntarily in another part of the country,

Welcoming the efforts undertaken by the United Nations to address the issue of sexual and gender-based violence, including in camps of internally displaced persons,

Recognizing the continued need for support from the international community to address the humanitarian emergency in Haiti, especially the cholera epidemic, as well as the importance of contributing to stability and enhancing recovery and reconstruction efforts, including through an early recovery approach, in order to permit the transition from relief and recovery to development in Haiti,

Acknowledging the efforts of the people and Government of Haiti, the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti and the United Nations system, as well as by the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and civil society organizations, including faith-based organizations, in providing humanitarian assistance and supporting early recovery, rehabilitation and reconstruction,

Welcoming the leadership of the Secretary-General in ensuring a speedy response by the United Nations system to the tragic events, and commending the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs for its coordinating role in supporting the Government of Haiti in ensuring a coherent international response to the humanitarian emergency,

Welcoming also the efforts of the United Nations Special Envoy for Haiti to mobilize international support for emergency relief operations, rehabilitation, recovery and reconstruction, as well as of the Emergency Relief Coordinator and the Resident/Humanitarian Coordinator for Haiti,

Underlining the importance of continued humanitarian leadership and coordination of all humanitarian actors, including civil society organizations, in support of the Government of Haiti,

Reiterating the need for a continued high level of support for and commitment to the humanitarian relief, early recovery, rehabilitation, reconstruction and development efforts, including in the medium and long terms, that reflect the spirit of international solidarity and cooperation in addressing the disaster,

Noting the enormous effort and solidarity of the international community, reflecting the importance of the fullest coordinated response and taking into account the national development priorities of Haiti, including its action plan for national recovery and development, which will be required to rebuild the affected areas in order to alleviate the grave situation arising from this natural disaster,

Welcoming the pledges for support made at the International Donors' Conference "Towards a New Future for Haiti", held in New York on 31 March 2010, and at the World Summit for the Future of Haiti, held in Punta Cana, the Dominican Republic, on 2 June 2010, and encourages the international community to continue providing support for the short- and long-term needs for the recovery and reconstruction of Haiti,

Welcoming also the establishment of the Interim Haiti Recovery Commission and the Haiti Reconstruction Fund, which play a significant role in the reconstruction efforts in Haiti,

Reiterating the need for the United Nations system to ensure that the humanitarian, early recovery and reconstruction assistance provided is timely, adequate, effective and coherent and coordinated among all humanitarian and development actors, in coordination with and in support of the Government of Haiti, and in accordance with the principles of humanity, neutrality, impartiality and independence,

1. *Welcomes* the report of the Secretary-General submitted pursuant to resolution 64/250;[1]

2. *Affirms* the leading role of the Government of Haiti in all aspects of the humanitarian response and in the rehabilitation, recovery, reconstruction and development plans for the country;

3. *Underlines* the overall coordinating role of the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs in assisting the Government of Haiti in ensuring a coherent international response to the humanitarian emergency in Haiti;

4. *Calls upon* Member States, the United Nations system and relevant humanitarian organizations, including the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, to continue to cooperate with the Government of Haiti for the provision of humanitarian assistance to the affected population, and emphasizes the importance of improved coordination in this regard, including with civil society organizations, which include faith-based organizations;

5. *Urges* the international community to provide increased and prompt support to the efforts of the Government of Haiti, led by the Ministry of Public Health and Population, supported by humanitarian actors, to respond to the cholera epidemic and, in this context stresses the importance of addressing the continuing challenges posed to the health system and to the water and sanitation sectors, including in the reconstruction process;

6. *Stresses* the need to enhance efforts towards reconstruction and social, environmental and economic recovery, including as a means to address the humanitarian situation in Haiti;

7. *Underlines* the urgency of taking actions that lead to a durable and sustainable solution to the situation of internally displaced persons in Haiti, in particular women, children and persons with disabilities, and bearing in mind their particular needs, and in this regard urges humanitarian and development actors to support the Government of Haiti, upon request, in addressing, inter alia, the issues of land rights, rubble removal and the promotion of livelihoods for the affected population;

8. *Recognizes* the important role of the United Nations system in supporting efforts to address the issue of sexual and gender-based violence in Haiti, including with regard to internally displaced persons, and encourages the United Nations system and invites humanitarian and development actors to promote gender mainstreaming in all assistance and recovery processes for Haiti;

[1] A/65/335.

9. *Reiterates* its appeal to all Member States and all relevant organs and bodies of the United Nations system, as well as the international financial institutions and development agencies, to provide speedy, sustainable and adequate support for the relief, early recovery, rehabilitation, reconstruction and development efforts of Haiti;

10. *Calls* for support for the Haiti Reconstruction Fund from donors and other partners, and urges them to fulfil, without delay, their pledges made earlier in the year at the International Donors' Conference "Towards a New Future for Haiti", held in New York, and at the World Summit for the Future of Haiti, held in Punta Cana, the Dominican Republic;

11. *Commends* the creation of the Interim Haiti Recovery Commission co-chaired by the Prime Minister of Haiti, Jean-Max Bellerive, and former President of the United States of America William J. Clinton, aimed at conducting strategic planning and coordination and implementing resources from bilateral and multilateral donors, civil society organizations and the private sector, with all necessary transparency and accountability, and looks forward to continued support from donors and other national, regional and international organizations, partners and stakeholders in connection with the implementation of the mandate of the Commission;

12. *Requests* the Secretary-General and all relevant organs and bodies of the United Nations system, as well as the international financial institutions and development agencies, to assist Haiti, whenever possible, through continued effective humanitarian, technical and financial assistance that contributes to overcoming the humanitarian emergency and to the rehabilitation and recovery of the economy and the affected population, as well as of the reconstruction, in conformity with the priorities identified at the national level, including through projects that promote capacity-building and facilitate the transition from relief to development;

13. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in this regard, to consult with Member States, including through the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Haiti, relevant United Nations organs and bodies, including the Peacebuilding Commission and the Economic and Social Council, regarding ways to achieve enhanced coordination of reconstruction and development efforts in Haiti;

14. *Requests* the relevant organs and bodies of the United Nations system and other relevant international organizations to increase their support and assistance in strengthening the capacity of Haiti for cholera response and disaster-preparedness, as well as in reducing its vulnerability to natural disasters and in integrating disaster risk reduction and management in its development strategies and programmes, in accordance with the Hyogo Framework for Action 2005-2015: Building the Resilience of Nations and Communities to Disasters;[2]

15. *Requests* the Secretary-General to keep Member States regularly informed on the humanitarian assistance efforts in Haiti and to report to the General Assembly at its sixty-sixth session on the implementation of the present resolution and on the progress made in the relief, rehabilitation and reconstruction efforts of the affected country, under the sub-item entitled "Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations".

[2] A/CONF.206/6 and Corr.1, chap. I, resolution 2.